

FINE TOBACCO LAND IN SOUTHERN STATES

Secretary Wilson Says Best Brands Can Be Raised There.

It is announced by the Department of Agriculture that soil has been discovered in this country which will grow tobacco just as fragrant and otherwise as fine as that which comes from Cuba, Sumatra, and elsewhere.

Secretary Wilson said this morning this discovery is one of the most valuable made by the department in some years.

The Secretary had just returned to his desk from his long trip of investigation through some of the Southern States. He thoroughly probed the situation in the cheap tobacco districts of Tennessee and Mississippi. There he looked into the prospects in the Mississippi Delta and Gulf States territory. The announcement is the result. Samples of some of the soil were submitted to the expert chemists, and analysts of the department, who had been sampling the soils of Cuba, Porto Rico, and the other countries from which the finest tobacco comes. These men found the same qualities in the soil of the far Southern States as they found in that from Cuba.

The value of this discovery will be better understood when it is shown that tobacco worth more than fifty million dollars has been imported annually in recent years. If the discovery of the department is put to practical use the greater part of this money will go to the Southern States.

Soil as Good as in Cuba.

In discussing the discovery and his trip this morning Secretary Wilson said: "For some time we have been giving our attention to the production of high-class tobacco, our purpose being to raise the quality of the product all over the country. It was for this I went South. I visited all of the tobacco country around Nashville and then went to Mississippi. A poor grade of tobacco is the usual crop there. I learned the soil is such that the quality can be im-

proved, and the department has the matter in hand. The experts have the soil brought back, and they will be able to report upon it before long. We have found it is almost as easy to raise a crop of high-class tobacco as the cheaper grades, and the growers will get much better prices.

"The result of following out this line of policy resulted in finding the soil which will grow the finest kind of tobacco. So far we have found the best of this tobacco land in Texas, Alabama, and South Carolina, and we have no doubt it exists in Mississippi, Louisiana, and Florida. The soil we have analyzed is identical with that of Cuba and the other countries which grow the very best qualities of the aromatic cigar tobaccos.

Connecticut Wrappers.

"Regarding the wrapper tobacco, we have obtained the best results in the Connecticut Valley, and they are now growing there a leaf equal to the Sumatra. We have had a number of scientists working there for several years. Last year the crop of the Connecticut Sumatra wrapper raised by the farmers brought \$1,000,000. The importance of this increase will be recognized when one remembers that the imports of Sumatra wrapper up to last year alone amounted to between \$5,000,000 and \$6,000,000. We now have the situation so thoroughly in hand in Connecticut we will not send any more men there. One expert will remain some time, however, simply to teach those who may desire to go into the business."

In addition to studying the soil for tobacco, Mr. Wilson, while in Tennessee, also gave some of his attention to fruit growing. He found that much of the hilly land, now vacant and fallow, could be made into some of the finest orchards in the United States.

NEWS OF RAILROADS AND OF RAILROAD MEN

B. & O. Signal Department.

The Baltimore and Ohio road has organized what is to be known as a "signal department," and the duties of the officers of this service will be to look after the signal plants now in course of installation on all parts of the system. T. P. Catenail, chief signal inspector, announces the following appointments:

G. H. Dryden, general signal inspector, headquarters at Baltimore.

C. A. Thompson, signal inspector of the Baltimore and Shenandoah divisions, headquarters Baltimore.

L. Besshardt, signal inspector of the Cumberland division, headquarters Cumberland.

M. Fortney, signal inspector of the Monon and Wheeling divisions, headquarters at Grafton, W. Va.

J. W. Clawson, signal inspector of the Pittsburgh division, headquarters at Pittsburgh.

P. H. Carroll, signal inspector of the New Castle and Cleveland division, headquarters at Akron, Ohio.

C. S. Stone, signal inspector of the Newark and Ohio River divisions, headquarters at Newark, Ohio.

W. H. Carothers, signal inspector of the Chicago division, headquarters at Garrett, Ind.

Washington Construction Work.

The announcement made by newspapers yesterday, that the Washab had adopted a new policy as to its construction work, has brought forth a second statement from President Joseph Ramsey, Jr., of the Washab, who says:

"Our change of policy with regard to work on the lines has been considerably exaggerated. So far as Washab proper is concerned, there will be no abandonment of the important work on the road. We believe that within two years we shall be able to make minor improvements at a lesser cost; we are going to wait with the work that can be postponed without doing us any harm.

"On the Little Kanawha the gangs of men that are taken off the line between the rivers will be put to work on the lines outside the rivers. Those two end divisions of the Little Kanawha line will be earners of money just as soon as they are built. The line that we are going to let wait would not earn money within two years even if completed tomorrow, for the simple reason that we cannot get the bridges without which we could not use the line. The two divisions that run to coal properties will be open all the sooner for the change in our plans.

"Finally, our syndicates are in perfect shape. There is no financial stringency so far as we are concerned. It is not a question of not having the money, but rather of an unwillingness to spend it when we believe that we can get the same work done in time at a large saving in expense."

Fight Over Colorado Midland.

A struggle is on between the Colorado and Southern Railroad, allied with the Harriman interests, and the Denver and Rio Grande, a part of the Gould possessions, for control of the Colorado Midland Road.

The primary cause of the strife is the Moffat road, from Denver to Salt Lake City, now in course of construction. When the Moffat Road refused to grant the Rio Grande an interest in the survey of the proposed line from Kremmling to Dotsero, which will invade territory hitherto held exclusively by the latter road, the Rio Grande, in alliance, set about finding a means of shortening its line to Salt Lake City. By building a line direct from Denver to some point on

the Colorado Midland, at least 100 miles of travel could be saved, and the Rio Grande management began to negotiate for the Midland.

Mayor Hayes in Demand.

The rumor that Mayor Hayes, of Baltimore, is to become associated with the Washab as counsel, has been revived.

Asked for a statement, Mr. Hayes said:

"I never discuss my private affairs for the public."

He gave practically the same answer to an identical question on the subject four or five weeks ago. Since that time Winslow S. Pierce, chairman of the executive committee of the Western Maryland Railroad Company, has had a private talk with Mr. Hayes. An important and official announcement connection with Mr. Hayes and the Washab counselship is looked for, now that the election is over and Mr. Hayes is ready to resume the practice of law.

Order of Railway Conductors.

The twenty-ninth biennial convention of the Order of Railway Conductors will be in session in Pittsburgh for ten days, beginning May 12. The Pittsburgh railroad men are sparing no pains to make this convention, which will consist of 5,000 delegates, besides visitors, the most enjoyable they have ever held.

The headquarters of the order will be at the Monongahela House.

CHICAGO POLICE PROBE

SIMONDS MURDER MYSTERY

CHICAGO, May 6.—The mysterious death of Edward M. Simonds, the New York traveling man, is occupying the attention of the Chicago police department. Every effort is being made to unravel the mystery.

"It seems probable," declared Chief of Police O'Neill, "that an attempt at a swindling operation here was under way. If Simonds attempted to interfere with it, and demanded money, he might have been put out of the way."

CONSUMPTION

IS CONTAGIOUS

All physicians admit that consumption is contagious.

As the sputum dries, the bacilli, or germ poison which it contains, are thrown into the atmosphere, and as, laden with catarrhal discharges, they are breathed into weak lungs, these poisons take root and consumption is developed. The only way to prevent this disease is to breathe into the air pipes or bronchial tubes the vapors of a healing oil laden with germ-killing remedy. No medicine taken into the stomach has ever yet cured genuine consumption.

According to the World's Consumption Congress of Physicians, which met in London a year ago last July, the only germ-killing remedy that has been successful is the one discovered by Prof. Koch, of Berlin, and manufactured under the supervision of the German Government, and is called the "Koch Tuberculin."

Although as an injection it failed, it has been wonderfully successful when given by the Koch Inhalation process. This process was first introduced into this country by Dr. Edward Koch, after whom the system was named, and is administered by the German-American Koch Lung Cure Co., 730 11th St. N. W., Washington.

Send for the Koch Lung Cure booklet, containing testimonials and describing the treatment.

LUX CASTA WORKS FAST MILE AT MORRIS PARK

H. T. Oxnard's Filly Shows a Trial in 1:41 3-4.

NEW YORK, May 6.—At Morris Park all is bustle and excitement. The track is fairly alive with horses. It was "work" day for the Metropolitan Handicap candidates, and many received their final preparations for the big event. The fastest mile of the day was made by H. T. Oxnard's fast filly, Lux Casta, who ran the distance in 1:41 3-4.

The sugar king's fast filly accomplished her task very easily. The weight she carried is not known, except to her trainers, but judging by the appearance of the boy in the saddle she carried the weight assigned—102 pounds. This filly ran second to Yankee in the Futurity of 1901. She is fast, but uncertain.

Hermis, the champion of last year, worked a mile in 1:45. This is the best work accomplished by him this season. He will not start in the big event.

W. C. Whitney's horses did not arrive on the track early enough in the day for work. Trainers discussed Sheep-Gunther's three-mile runaway at Sheepshead Bay on Monday. Opinions were divided whether the journey would prove injurious or beneficial. A few thought that as she went the route at only three-quarter speed, her exploit would not prove harmful.

New York II attracted considerable attention by working a mile in 1:42 3-4. The Sir Modred colt went the journey hard, held all the way. Rigodon and Olympian, James R. Keene's horses, merely breezed a mile in 1:54. They received all their preparation for the handicap at Brookdale Farm, and are ready to race.

The other candidates that worked the mile route were Herbert, 1:42 1-2; Old England, 1:42 1-2; Link Wark, 1:42 1-2; Masterman, 1:44; Wawelf, 1:44 1-2; Earline, 1:44 1-2; Arsenal, 1:43 1-2; and Igniter, 1:47.

CORNELL MEN SHOCKED AT COLUMBIA'S FIAT

ITHACA, N. Y., May 6.—Cornell undergraduates were given a shock yesterday when that fact was published that Columbia has practically declined to send a crew to Ithaca to row against Pennsylvania, Harvard, and Cornell on Memorial Day. The New Yorkers allege petty excuses, which are not given much weight in this city.

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